History the Lutheran Mission in Liberia.

In the Lutheran Observer of July 18th 1851 the following brief communication, from two Students of Wittenberg College, was, published.

For the Lutheran Observer.

An Answer Wanted.

It has long been a subject of thought in the minds of *some* members of the Lutheran Church, whether we should not have a mission in Africa. The hearts of some *feel* in reference to it, and they desire to have the opinion of their more wise and experienced fathers and brethren. Many words need not be used,—we earnestly ask: "*Is the Lutheran Church able and willing to furnish the men and means to establish a mission in Africa? Or, if suitable and willing men can be found, will the Church send and support them?*

INQUIRER.

July 3, 1851.

This ~~it~~ inquiry was noticed in the same number of the

Observer, by the Editor as follows.

AFRICA.—A correspondent inquires whether the Lutheran Church is willing and prepared to establish a mission in Africa? He tells us that if the pecuniary means can be procured, there are men in the church ready to go forth as missionaries. We have not time now to enlarge on this subject, but would be glad to hear from others on it.

Nothing more was said in reference to the proposed Mission till Sept 5th when the following appeared in the Lutheran Observer of Sept 5th 1851.

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This subject has already been referred to in the Lutheran Observer, and we again call attention to it. We are not sure that the Executive Committee of our Foreign Missionary Society have authority to establish a mission in Africa; and if they have, their late augmentation of missionaries in India may perhaps preclude the possibility at present of extending their operations to that continent. Be this as it may, we would suggest to brs. Officer and Summers, the propriety of writing to said committee on the subject, through the Rev. Mr. Senderling, who is Corresponding Secretary. In the mean time, we wish to recommend the subject to the notice of the church in general, so that it may be agitated and discussed at the approaching autumn synods. Such important enterprizes should not be precipitated; let them be well considered, and prayed over before decisive steps are taken.

We have received a letter on this subject, and though private, we hope to be pardoned for making it public. We see no necessity for secresy, and it is our opinion that in all such matters we had better begin and proceed openly, candidly and publicly. We therefore make room for the following communication:

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Hoping that you will be influenced to do something in this matter,

I remain yours in Christ,

GEO. A. H. PETERS.

About the time that this appeared Mr. Summers who had been one of the two from whom the first inquiry published in the South. Obs. of July 18th 1851, came, was taken sick with fever & during that illness became convinced that his constitution would not endure the climate of Africa & therefore abandoned the idea of ever going to that country.

At the request of the other of the two young men already mentioned, the subject of founding a Mission in Africa, was brought before the Wittenberg Synod at its annual meeting in Bucyrus O. Sept. 19th 1851.

But it received no encouragement whatever, on account of the Synods having so much else to occupy its time & exhaust its means.

It was not however contemplated by the advocates of the Mission, that this Synod or any other one distant Synod should undertake the founding of the Mission — nor even that more than one of them should at once engage in it, but that the object receive the approval of Synod & that other Synods be requested to unite in the same undertaking & so soon as the necessary arrangements could be made & the church would

be able, to commence active operations. And because this much was not done, ~~the~~ & yet there seemed to be a necessity that the Lutheran Church should be enlisted in the object in some way, Mr. Officer sought an interview with Mr. Thompson a returned Mission of the Am. Miss. Ass. who had been some years on the West Coast of Africa & from him learned that probably an arrangement could be made with the Ex. Com. of that Society, by which Mr. Officer could be employed as a Missionary in Africa, under that Committee, & yet execute such an interest in the Lutheran

Church in the U.S. as would eventually lead to the establishment of a Mission Station on the West Coast some where near the Mendi Mission by the Lutheran Church.

This interview with Mr. Thompson took place at Cleveland in Nov. 1851.

Soon after Mr Officer was invited by the Com of the Am. Miss. Ass. to meet them in the city of New-York as soon as convenient & empowered in regard to his going out to Africa under their auspices

This meeting took place in the following month Dec. from the 20th till the 30th of this month. It resulted in

an agreement that Mr C. was to go out under the auspices of the Am. Miss. Bds. but should remain connected with the Lutheran Church & if he could induce his church to support him — that is to pay so much to the treas of that Society as would defray his expenses, the Station should be called a Lutheran Station & when it became necessary for it to assume any ecclesiastical relations it should be with the Lutheran Ch. & in case the expenses of the station were defrayed by that Church the Station was to be given up to the Ex. Com. of the Lutheran Foreign

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In consequence of there being no opportunity of sailing at ~~that~~ time it was deferred till the next fall.

The company with which Mr. Offir went out landed at Sierra-Leone on the 1st of Feb. 1852.

After remaining on the coast about 4 months Mr. Offir became convinced that the field to which he had been sent - the Sherbro Mendi countries - was a less favourable one, than could be found at other places on the coast, & therefore at once informed the Committee that so soon as the year, the du-

which he had agreed to remain on the coast the first time, had expired - he would return to the U. S. but ~~was~~ not to make arrangements for a second sailing & a permanent settlement as had been contemplated in the Sherbro.

During the first year of his stay on the coast however an opportunity was afforded of his visiting Liberia & some other places, in which he spent some months, & therefore remained nearly a year & a half before returning, so that he might fulfil his engagement to labor one year for the Am. Miss. Soc.

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the Miami Synod held at
Lancaster O. Oct 4th 1854
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The following notice of the Plea for a Lutheran Mission was given in the Evangelical Lutheran of March 30 1855.

A Plea for Africa.

"A Plea for a Lutheran Mission in Africa," by Rev. Morris Officer, has just issued from the press. It is a timely and important publication. It is prepared with much care, and is the result of accurate observation and experience as a missionary on the West Coast of Africa. It sets forth in a most clear and interesting manner, the physical condition and moral degradation and wants of the long neglected tribes of Africa, and the duty of the Lutheran Church in this country to establish a mission among them. We hope hereafter to say more about the character and design of this "Plea." We commendit, with all our heart, to the attention of the Lutheran Church, and to every friend of the human race, particularly to all who are interested in the welfare of the poor African. We trust that all our ministerial brethren will aid brother Officer in circulating this valuable and interesting pamphlet among our people. Its price is 10 cts. pr. single copy. Orders are solicited, and will be promptly filled by Messrs. Sprecher & Co., Booksellers, Springfield, O.

The "Plea" was sent to Dr. Krauth, Editor of the Lutheran Observer, who published the following notice of it in the Observer of March 1st 1855.

Mission in Africa.

A PLEA FOR A LUTHERAN MISSION IN LIBERIA. *By* REV. MORRIS OFFICER, *Missionary in West Africa.*

This is a pamphlet of 24 pages, well written, lucid, and convincing. We read it with unusual interest, and heartily thank br. Officer for giving us so clear and satisfactory an account of the condition of Africa and the character of the people. We have always entertained a peep sympathy for poor, benighted, neglected, and deeply degraded Africa; but the perusal of this very sensible and interesting "Appeal" has more than ever enlisted our feelings in behalf of that forlorn and wretched quarter of the Globe.

If the Lutheran Church is under obligations to send the Gospel to any foreign country, we are convinced that Africa ranks among those which have the first and strongest claims, and we are of opinion, that any one who reads this Appeal with due attention, will be likely to reach the same conclusion. We at first intended to prepare an epitome of the Appeal for our readers, but we find it difficult either to condense or to make selections, where all is alike important and equally interesting; and have therefore, determined to publish the whole pamphlet, one-half this week and the other half next week.

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> *Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the course hitherto pursued by Rev. M. Officer in his mission to Africa; of his present object to establish a mission in Liberia; and of the plan he has in view, which plan, we trust he will soon communicate to the church at large, in the columns of our church papers.
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Evangelical Lutheran

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Should an attempt be made to establish a Mission in Africa, we presume the first step to be taken would be, to obtain the Missionaries. It is well ascertained that white men and women are unfit for this work; they cannot live in that climate; but colored men can, and enjoy good health too; and hence we must, first of all, inquire for colored men of undoubted piety and respectable intellect, and qualify them for the work. We would therefore propose, that a committee be appointed by the General Synod for this purpose, and also to secure the requisite funds; and when this is accomplished, let the work be transferred to the active and efficient Executive Committee of our Foreign Missionary Society, to be carried on by them in the same way in which they conduct their operations in India.

We have no doubt, that if the church should be properly enlightened, and the requisite efforts be made to awaken an interest on the subject, the necessary funds could easily be raised. Let it be remembered, that a mission in Africa is not near as expensive as in India, and that the prospect of doing good with a smaller amount of money, is exceedingly encouraging. The "United Brethren in Christ" — the so-called Otterbeinians, recently resolved to commence their foreign operations in Africa, and we learn

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The order of business was resumed, and the report of the committee, on the establishment of an African mission, was read.

The report was couched in the following terms:

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the Miami Synod, in relation to the establishment of a mission in Africa, beg leave to submit the following report as the result of their deliberations:

Your committee sincerely sympathize with the spirit breathed by the memorial. The African race has peculiar claims upon the Christian Church. Their deep degredation, the long and painful oppressions, endured by them, render them fit objects of our compassion. As there are, however, many and formidable obstacles to be met and overcome, your committee recommend the following plan:

1. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, who may select some competent person to superintend the preparatory arrangements for such a mission, and that said committee, so soon as they can secure a sufficient number of students, and means to provide for their education, be authorized to erect at some suitable place, the necessary buildings and select a competent teacher.

2. *Resolved*, That the committee be authorized to mature a plan, upon which a mission in Africa is to be conducted, and present it to the next General Synod.

A committee, consisting of Revs. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., F. R. Anspach, and S. S. Schumucher, D. D., was appointed to nominate the committee, contemplated by the first resolution of the above report.

The committee, on the Lutheran Publication Society and kindred subjects, reported.

The report was accepted, and, pending its discussion, the hour for adjournment arrived.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Krauth.

EIGHTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 *o'clock, P. M.*

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. H. M. Bickel.

It was resolved, That Synod take a recess from 3 to 4 o'clock, to allow the Home Missionary Society to hold an adjourned meeting.

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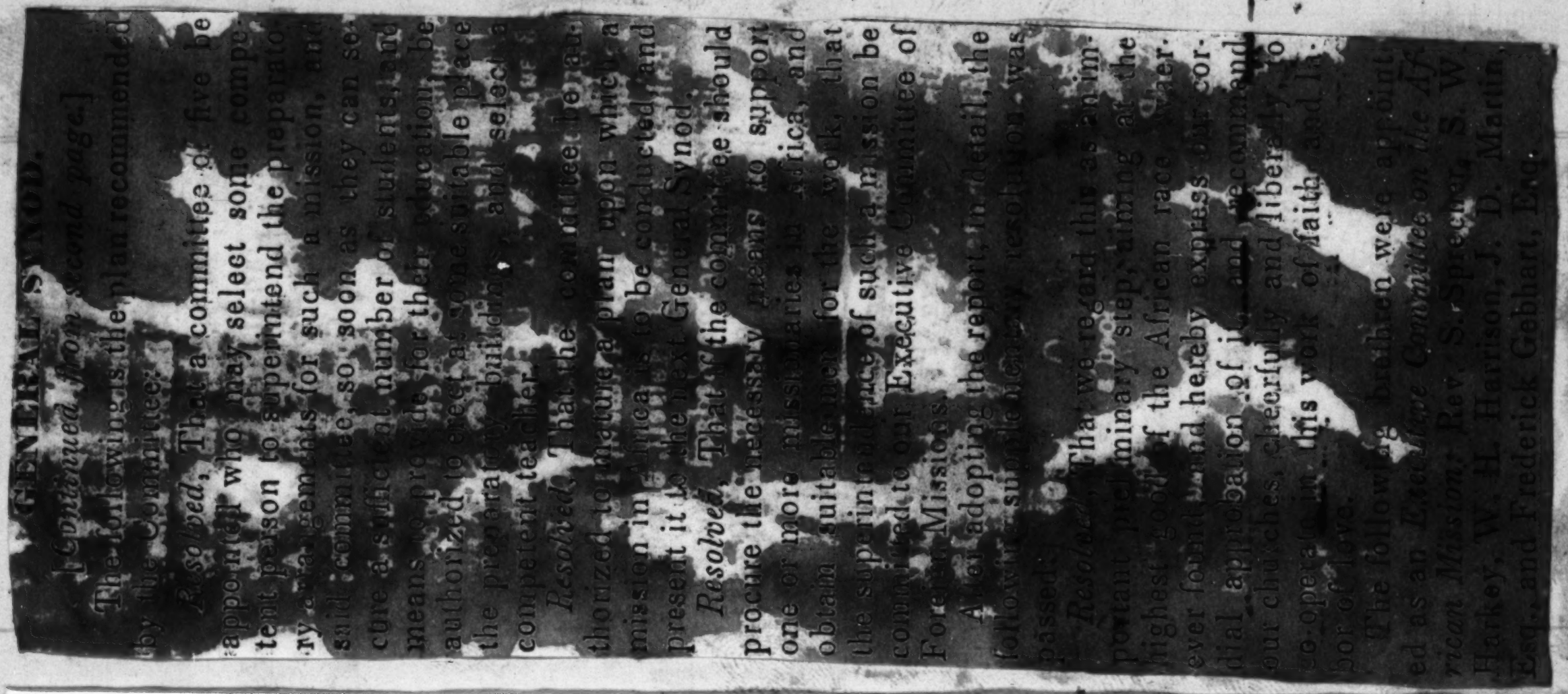

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...was referred to a special committee for examination. The Revs. F. R. Anspach, Prof. F. W. Conrad, D. D., S. S. Schmucker, D. D., and W. H. D., and Messrs. Weigand and J. D. Martin were constituted the committee.

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The following call for a meeting of the Com was published in the "Evangelical Lutheran"

THE AFRICAN MISSION.—The meeting of the committee on the African Mission will be held at the house of Mr. J. L. Snyder, in Springfield, on Wednesday, December 12th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

SAM'L SPRECHER, Chairman.

Nov. 27, 1855.

The African Mission.

The Committee on the African Mission appointed by the General Synod, met in pursuance of a call, in Springfield, Dec. 12, 1855. Exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Harrison. Present, Dr. Sprecher, F. Gephart, Esq., and Rev. W. H. Harrison. A letter from J. D. Martin. Esq., of Lancaster, was read, stating his inability to meet with the Committee, and expressing the deepest interest in the proposed mission.

The committee present then adopted the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That we appoint a superintendent to attend to the preliminary arrangements for the African Mission, as proposed by the General Synod—said Superintendent to instruct the people and take collections to be appropriated for the establishment of an institution, the primary object of which shall be to qualify pious people of color to labor as missionaries in Africa.

2. *Resolved*, That the Superintendent

shall seek out young colored people who shall be willing to be educated in said institution for missionaries; the committee, however, to assist him in every manner possible, in this as well as in the matter first proposed.

3. *Resolved*, That as soon as the means and pupils authorize it, we proceed forthwith, to purchase not less than fifty acres of land in some suitable place, and erect a building thereon, and give the Superintendent charge of the school, if such charge does not interfere with his more general superintendency.

4. *Resolved*, That Rev. Morris Officer be appointed Superintendent for the above, at a salary of five hundred dollars besides his traveling expenses.

6. *Resolved*, That J. D. Martin, Esq., be appointed Treasurer to receive any monies contributed for the purpose as hereabove specified.

WM. H. HARRISON, *Sec.*

The agency for the mission was commenced by the Supt. immediately after his appointment in the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod, where the ministerial brethren were very friendly towards the movement.

In the month of January

they subscribed liberally.

But houses were scarce in Iowa, and rents very high, so that I was compelled to build a house, in order to situate my family so as to leave them comfortable.— As my attention was necessary at home, by spells, under such circumstances, I took a field as described in my report, intending by spring, to form two charges of it and get two ministers in them, and then go farther out and do greater work. Now, sir, I expected, on this plan, to visit many Lutherans and Lutheran neighborhoods during the year '56, and I had my stake set, for at least one hundred subscribers for the Lutheran. But through an influence from a certain quarter the people, at the most important place where the most was pledged for my support, were induced to change their minds respecting this mis-

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It be of interest to State that as evidence of the good feeling generally entertained towards the enterprise, the Girl Annie came from Savannah Ga to Pittsburgh free of charge. Rev. A. J. Keen of Savannah secured her a free papage on the Steamer from Savannah to Phila Pa. Where Mr. Martin Buehler received her ~~till~~ & took her to his own house. Mrs. Wife of Rev. E. W. Hutter secured her a free ticket by R. R. from Phila. to Pittsburgh, where the Capt. Received her & secured h

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Lutheran Mission in Africa.

Rev. Morris Officer, who is now prosecuting the enterprise of an African Mission School in our church, states that the object is well received in all the charges he has thus far visited, and that there is no reason to doubt of its success. He also announces that he received the following proposition and donation from a member of our Church in the South:—

"I have a slave girl about fourteen years old, whom I am desirous to set free, if I can get her educated, and attached to an African mission. I am willing to donate to the mission one hundred dollars on her reception, and to provide her clothing, &c., until she is qualified to be of use. She has been in the household of ———, Lutheran minister of this place, for the past year, and he speaks well of her docility and good disposition."

On the part of the mission I have received the girl, as proposed; to educate her with reference to the mission work in Africa; and by a second letter from the contributor I learn that, although the Lutheran congregation of his place is small and of little means, it will contribute fifty dollars to the mission.

Now, may we not hope that a number of our able and liberal members throughout the country will imitate this good example, and, by contributing one hundred dollars each, enable us to open our mission institute next summer!

If none of our people can contribute this amount, of course we will continue visiting our churches, and taking what they can give, until the necessary amount is secured; but we would be glad, indeed, if those who have the means would enable us sooner to put the school in active operation.

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It be of interest to State that as evidence of the good feeling gen= erally entertained towards the enterprise, the Girl Bonnie came from Savannah Ga to Billespie Laine Co. by public conveyance free of charge. Rev. A. J. Keen of Savannah secured her a free papage on the Steamer from Savannah to Phila Pa. Where Mr. Martin Buehler received her ~~till~~ & took her to his own home. Mrs. Buehler wife of Rev. E. W. Shutter secured her a free ticket by R. R. from Phila. to Pittsburgh where the Supt. Rebecca her & secured h

her a free pass over the Rail Roads to Bellefontaine.

In February 1856 Annie became a member of the Lutheran Church at Bellefontaine O. having for some months been under the instruction of Mrs. Goodlin the Pastors wife, in the S. S. & also carefully taught by the wife of the Supt.

The progress of the movement during the first year may be learned from the first annual report of the Superintendent to the Com. rendered Dec. 12th 1856. The report is on file in the hands of the Treas. & copy in the hands of the Supt.

The agency in behalf of the mission was continued by the Superintendent till the meeting of the General Synod at Reading Pa, in May 1857, when the Committee through Rev Spreker, its chairman presented the following

Report on the African Mission.

1. On the 12th of December, 1855, the committee appointed Rev. M. Officer Superintendent of the enterprise, with instructions to travel through the church, for the purpose of acquainting our people with the object and plan of the movement, and of collecting funds for the founding of the Home School, or Mission Institute.

2. The Superintendent has been constantly employed in this work, from the time of his appointment, and reports that in all parts of the church where he has been, the general expression on the part of both ministers and people is, that the project is right in itself, and is timely in our church.

3. As, however, the movement depends on the whole General Synod for its support, it does not receive as large contributions from any one member or part of the church, as objects more local do, and as contributions are made only on the solicitations of the Superintendent, the progress in raising funds has been slow. On the other hand, the effort being made to acquaint the various parts of the church with the enterprise, thus requiring much travelling on the part of the Superintendent, his expenses have been proportionably large.

4. We have on hand, clear of all expenses, about one thousand dollars in cash, and about four hundred dollars in subscriptions which will be due in a few weeks.

5. We have not yet selected a location for the mission school, as it was thought best to leave this an open question till after the meeting of this

Synod, that all parts of the church may have an opportunity to propose locations. The intention is to locate the Institute wherever, upon the whole, we can secure the greatest advantages.

For the foreign department of this undertaking, we recommend:

1. That the contemplated mission be located among the heathen population in the territory of the Republic of Liberia.

2. That the plan of the work be to establish, under the superintendence of a white man, a small settlement of christian colored people—embracing a preacher, a school teacher, and one or more farmers and mechanics, as the means of the church will allow.

3. That the heathen children taken into the mission be taught—in connection with their religious training—the common branches of an English education, and also the common arts of civilization.

4. That so soon as practicable, some one of the missionaries acquire a knowledge of the language spoken by the heathen about the mission, so as to preach to the adult population, and also to understand more perfectly their modes of thought.

In conclusion, the committee recommend the continuance of the agency by Rev. M. Officer, with a view to the permanent establishment of the African Mission Institute.

This report was signed by the entire committee was adopted by the Synod & the same Committee was directed to continued, though at the request of Dr. Brecher Rev. W. H. Harrison was made chairman instead of himself.

During the next two
years viz. till the meeting
of the Gen. Synod at
Pittsburgh in May 1859
the agency was much in-
terrupted by protracted
affliction in the Supt's
family. The work however
is still progressed slowly.
At that meeting the Com.
reported that they had on
hand about $3.000 in
money, & recommended that
the contemplated Mission
School be established in
Africa instead of the W. S.
This recommendation, though
opposed at once by a large
majority of the members
of the Synod, was nevertheless

the cause of a protracted & somewhat excited debate. As the School was to be founded in the foreign field the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions claimed the right to conduct it although hitherto they had disclaimed to have anything to do with the Mission & were indeed the most stout in their opposition to it from the first, their opinion being that all our means & men for the foreign field should be expended in India. On the other hand those more especially identified

with the Mexican Mission
& ~~other~~ those interested
in it ~~ignored~~ its passing out of the hands of
the Govt, that had un-
dertaken it at first
& had defended under the
numerous attacks it had
suffered, & now placed ~~it~~
in the hands of those
who had to say the
least never evinced any
interest in it.

In the midst of this
confused disorganization Dr.
Reynolds & some others of-
fered numerous amendments
resolutions &c. as would
place the Mission in
the hands of the Ex. Com

of Fr. Mission with instructions, or at least, an understanding to the effect that they should either prosecute the work or abandon it as they deemed proper; & at the same time there, men attempted in long Speeches to show why the Mission should be abandoned. The Mission however lost nothing by their procedure.

At length the following indefinite action was taken

Resolved, That the committee on the *African Mission* be continued, and that they be directed to proceed with the work begun; but that no decided action, as to the location and the commencement of the Mission be taken, without the co-operation of the Executive Committee of our Foreign Missionary Society.

The committee, as constituted at present, consists of Rev. *Messrs.* W. H. Harrison, S. Sprecher, D. D., S. W. Harkey, D. D., J. G. Morris, D. D., and J. D. Martin, Esq.

After the above resolution was adopted the two Committees — The Ex. Com. of For. Miss. & the Dom. Miss. Com. held a joint meeting, when after a friendly interview

This agreed 1st To locate the proposed Mission Station & School in the territory of the Republic of Liberia or in dominion of some of the adjacent tribes. 2nd To send Rev. M. Shier accompanied by an assistant to Africa & explore the region mentioned above ~~& locate~~ to select a site & begin a Mission on the plan adopted at Reading Pa, 3rd To employ the interim between in Africa only long enough to establish the Station & then to return to the work in this country. 4th To employ

the Superintendent, dur-
ing the interim between
the time of that meeting
& that of embarking in
prosecuting the prelimi-
nary work as hereto-fore.

On the latter part
of the Summer (1859) Mr.
H. Steiger received the
appointment of Assistant
Engineer for the preli-
minary Station & runs existe
ted to prepare for sailing
in the Fall.

About the same time
the Supt addressed a letter
to the Exn. Comm. of Pat. Office
requesting them to remit
any instructions which
they were desired to

give them in regard to the place at which the School should be located, & received the following in return.

Res. That while profiting great experience of the African Mission Field, we would lay it down as a general principle that whenever practicable it is better to locate under the protection of some Christian Government, & that as the Sea board of Africa near the Equator is notoriously unhealthy we would suggest whether the end contemplated by in the African Board

could not be better se-
cured by locating it on
the high table lands
in the interior of the
Republic of Liberia.

~~Rev. Thos Harrison & Lr.~~
~~Spreches at Cincinnati O.~~
~~June 2nd 1860.~~

The Superintendent made
preparations for sailing
about the middle of Oct.
& had made arrangements
for a passage from New-
York to the Shebro.
country West Africa, but
was disappointed in
consequence of the vessels
sailing to go. He then
made some efforts ~~to~~ ~~the~~
to secure a passage on

other vessels which sailed in Nov. & Dec. but did not succeed, till about the middle of Dec. when at Baltimore he made arrangements for a passage on the Brig Palmus, a small vessel owned by Dr. James Hall & engaged in the African Trade. Returning to Cin. the Supt. met two members of the Conn. Rev. Wm H. Harrison & Dr. Sprecher at Cincinnati O. Jan. 2nd 1860 & received from them the following instructions 1st That as heretofore agreed the mission be located either in the territory of

the Republic of Liberia
or in the Sherbro country
as the Supt. may deem best
after examination.

2nd That the Supt. erect
the necessary buildings &
commence the School as
soon as practicable after
the location is Selected.

3rd That the Supt. employ
such assistants as may be
necessary from among the
native & settlers of the coun
try.

4th That Bro. W. Weigen
have at present no fixed
Salary but that he have all
expenses of board clothing
& medical attendance paid
till the amount of his

Salary can be properly
determined.
5th That the Supt. have
a Salary of $600. & that
Six Months pay be allow
ed, before Sailing.
6th That an outfit of
not more than $100 be
allowed to the two Mission
aries together, in the way
of Household goods & fur=
niture ~~&c &c~~ which Goods
& Furniture however are
to be the property of the
Mission.
7th That the Supt. be au=
thorized to expend a Sum
not exceeding $100. in
the purchase of tools & im=
plements for the Station. /

Refer a protracted de-
lay the Missionaries
sailed from Baltimore
by the Brig Palmas
on the 23rd of Feb. 1860.
Lutheran Observer Feb. 10th
1860

THE AFRICAN MISSION AND REV. M. OFFICER.

This indefatigable missionary has been in Baltimore for a week, making preparations for his embarkation to Africa, and will most probably leave our shores in a few days. His unwearied energy and zeal in the prosecution of this work, amid many difficulties, commend themselves to the admiration of all his friends.

The African mission does not enjoy the prestige of great popularity, and it has seldom been alluded to, except in the resolutions of Synods and the acknowledgments of money. There has been no flourish of trumpets and no loud beating of drums, but it has been working its way silently, and has secured many substantial friends. Its *cheapness*, among other things, has gained supporters. For seventy-five dollars a missionary can be landed on the coast of Africa, and he can be supported in that country at an expense of several hundred annually. He can employ native laborers and emigrant teachers at a

low rate, so that at a cost of $1,000 a year, the missionary can be carried over and maintained, an emigrant teacher can be paid, and a school established.

Mr. Officer is the very man fitted by nature and grace for this undertaking. His experience in Africa, his knowledge of African manners and customs, his acquaintance with the country, his high standing as a man with the European settlers and commercial agents on the coast, his vigorous constitution, his business tact, his untiring zeal and ardent piety, eminently qualify him for this work. A man thus endowed for such an undertaking, who has left his family in this country to expose himself for the time necessary to the climate of Africa, deserves the support and sympathy of the church, independently of the commanding claims of the mission. Day by day he is now toiling to complete his outfit. His whole soul is occupied in the work. No other subject engages his attention;—he seems to be able to think, talk, and dream of nothing else. Such a man deserves success, and he will secure it.